

MCC(SW/AW) Barbara Katrin Albritton

Born at the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in 1974, Chief Albritton entered the Marine Corps in August 1993, attending basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Following Combat Correspondent "A" school in Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Private First Class Albritton began her first tour of duty was the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. She then served at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California from 1995 until her discharge in 1997.

After spending nearly three years as a civilian, Chief Albritton joined the Navy in November 1999. Her first tour of duty as a Sailor was aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) from January 2000 until June 2003. During her tenure, she participated in the "Millennium Cruise," Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as back-to-back New York City Fleet Weeks in 2000 and 2001.

In 2003, she transferred to NAS Keflavik, Iceland. From her arrival until she transferred in 2004, Petty Officer Albritton served as "Keflavik Report" news anchor, Radio Section head and personality, and Operations Department Head.

In 2004, she transferred to Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. Serving as Public Affairs Department Leading Petty Officer, she was directly responsible for public and media relations for the world's largest naval installation, as well as the Tours and Information Office, which provided installation tours to thousands of visitors each year. She also spent time helping to prepare media rating personnel in her area, as well as across the country, for the four-rating merger slated for July 2006. She had the honor of establishing the First Class Petty Officer Association for the Naval Station.

Returning to sea in December 2006, Chief Albritton reported to USS George Washington (CVN 73). She was responsible for departmental production as well as the Visitor/Embark program aboard the ship. Prior to George Washington officially reporting to Japan, she transferred to perform staff duty at Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

While stationed at Navy Expeditionary Combat Command, Chief Albritton was primarily responsible for gathering information for an internal publication or external release, and answering questions from media outlets - print, radio and television. She was also responsible for drafting and executing VIP events and visitations involving numerous units within the organization.

In 2011, Chief Albritton transferred to Navy Public Affairs Support Element-West, in San Diego, California. She is responsible for manning and supporting the Sea Operational Detachments that deploy in support of numerous Naval and Joint operations.

Chief Albritton's personal awards include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four), Navy Good Conduct Medal (five), Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various campaign and unit awards.